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Oct. 25, 1972

MEMO FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: WINSTON LORD
SUBJECT: Message from Schumann
on the Negotiations

At Tab B is a cable to you from Schumann, passed on by Watson, which passes on Hanoi's comments that we should adhere to the agreed-upon schedule and that we are in one of the gravest situations.

At Tab A is a suggested reply to Schumann that we would pass via backchannel through Watson.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the message at Tab A.

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State Dept., NSC, review completed

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TO: AMBASSADOR WATSON
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
REF: Paris 954

Thank you for referenced message. Please pass the following note from me to Schumann.

Begin text. Thank you for your message of October 24, 1972.

I am pleased to report that major progress has indeed been made in the negotiations. The accelerated schedule to which Hanoi refers was accepted in the hopes of the earliest possible peace but always subject to the concurrence of our allies. It would be both unprincipled and unworkable for the U.S. to agree to a settlement that does not yet have the agreement of all the parties that must implement it.

We are confident that a final agreement can be reached in the very near future if Hanoi is truly interested in peace and not looking for a pretext to prolong the conflict. The U.S. will use all its energies to conclude the negotiations successfully in the shortest possible time.

You will understand that this message is of the greatest sensitivity.

Warm regards. End text.

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FM AMBASSADOR WATSON PARIS 954

TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY DR. HENRY KISSINGER

MAURICE SCHUMANN DROPPED BY THE RESIDENCE TONIGHT TO ASK ME TO
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE. NO TIME TO TRANSLATE-AS JIMMY
DURANTE SAYS EVERY ONE WANTS TO GET INTO THE ACT. HAVE NOT
INFORMED ANY ONE IN EMB NO VISITORS FROM STATE ABOUT THIS.
WARM REGARDS.

AMBASSADOR WATSON

MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

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MESSAGE POUR LE DR. HENRY KISSINGER

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SIGNED: MAURICE SCHUMANN

END MESSAGE

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